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Under 21	10.00	120.00	5.22		12.00	144.00	6.26	17.00	204.00	8.87
Under 18**	4.00	48.00	2.09		4.00	48.00	2.09	6.00	72.00	3.13
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Full match report from Crewe game

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Diarmuid Gavin visits Frosts

HUNDREDS flocked to Frosts Garden Centre on Saturday to see TV gardener Diarmuid Gavin.

The green-fingered celebrity entertained crowds with talks, book signings of 'Design Your Garden in 10 Easy Steps' and gardening advice.

While at the centre in Newport Road, Woburn Sands, Diarmuid judged a school wheelbarrow competition too.

On the day, visitors also got the chance to meet Frosts suppliers for advice on how to get the most from their products.

Managing director James Frost said: "The day was a great success and it was wonderful to have Diarmuid at the garden centre."

For more see www.frostsgroup.co.uk.

Essential standards not met at hospital

BY JAMES AVERILL

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MILTON Keynes Hospital failed to meet five essential standards – according to a report by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

A report shows that hospital improvements were required in: treating people with respect and involving them in their care; providing care, treatment and support that meets people's needs; caring for people safely and protecting them from harm; standards of staffing; and quality and suitability of management.

Milton Keynes Hospital was the only one in the country which failed on all five standards.

The inspection, carried out in August 2012 by two CQC inspectors, found that: "Staff were not respecting people's dignity and patients were not always involved in decision making about their care."

The watchdog also found that staff took a long time to respond to call bells, although those being treated acknowledged that this was because staff were incredibly busy.

The report said: "Patients on both wards told us that staff took a long time to respond to call bells. Patients said this caused embarrassment as they had to wait for support to go to the toilet or eat their meals. One patient said: "Staff get a bit moody sometimes, but they are really stretched on this ward."

Lisa Knight, director of patient care and chief nurse at Milton Keynes Hospital, said: "Providing safe, quality, compassionate patient care is the priority for Milton Keynes Hospital.

"We're sorry patients didn't receive the high standard of care that they deserve. The hospital has reviewed staffing levels to ensure every ward has the right number of doctors and nurses with the right skills to safely care for their patients."

Athletics club devastated by Alps tragedy

A 12-YEAR-OLD who attended an athletics club in Milton Keynes was tragically killed with his father in a hiking accident in the French Alps.

Charlie Saunders died after slipping and falling in the Chamonix Valley near Mont Blanc. His father Peter Saunders, 48, also died after it appeared he was desperately trying to reach his son.

Peter had called rescuers to tell them that Charlie had slipped, but the line cut off before he had the chance to give them a location. The bodies were found on Sunday morning just 150ft apart.

Charlie, from Buckingham, was a member of the Marshall Milton Keynes Athletic Club, and it has since released a statement expressing 'sadness' at the tragedy.

The statement said: "All Marshall Milton Keynes Athletic Club news was eclipsed this week by the reports that club member, twelve-year-old Charlie Saunders, died with his father in a hiking accident.

"The entire club is saddened by this tragedy and our condolences go to his family and friends at this very sad time."

In a statement issued by the Foreign Office, the Saunders family said: "Peter and Charlie Saunders were involved in a tragic accident whilst walking in the French Alps.

"They had flown to the French Alps for a short weekend of adventure in the Chamonix Valley. They were to have a half day walking followed by a full day skiing.

"Charlie was always full of life, had a really happy temperament and loved spending time with his father. Peter was fantastic at making things happen, resourceful, with a positive approach to life. They will both be sorely missed by friends and family alike."

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Man dies after being hit by train

A MAN has died after being hit by a train near Bletchley on Monday afternoon.

The incident, combined with overhead wire problems, forced severe delays for commuters travelling to and from London Euston and Clapham Junction.

This is the latest in a series of incidents involving people being hit by trains in the area.

Recently a man died at Milton Keynes Central on January 30 in a similar incident.

A spokesman for the British Transport Police said: "BTP officers attended lines between Milton Keynes and Bletchley stations on Monday March 18, following reports that a man had been hit by a train.

"Thames Valley Police Officers also attended the incident, which was recorded to the BTP at 4.22pm.

"Officers are treating it as non-suspicious. Medics from South Central Ambulances attended, but the man was pronounced dead on the scene. Officers are currently trying to find out the identity of the man and inform his next of kin."

£354k taxpayer bill for city bridge delays

BY JAMES AVERILL
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DELAYS to the reopening of Secklow Gate bridge have left the taxpayer with a £354k bill.

Insurers have paid out £725,000 to Milton Keynes Council in a settlement following structural damage to the bridge, caused by a fire in January 2010.

But this is only three quarters of the cost of keeping the bridge supported and closed. The council have said that they will pay the remaining £354,000, meaning the total cost of the overall period is £1.07m.

The bridge ended up being closed for nearly 18 months.

The council say the shortfall is 'not unexpected' for the taxpayer, and had set this amount aside.

Chief executive David Hill said: "The delay in reopening Secklow Gate Bridge – and the issues surrounding it – has been the subject of intense scrutiny by the public and media over the past three years, as well as being subject to internal and external reports.

"This episode uncovered some serious issues in how the council's bridge maintenance contract was managed. A number of factors contributed to the delay in us reopening the bridge, but we have acknowledged that failures were made and we have undertaken an intensive review of our internal processes, implementing substantial changes to ensure such failures are not repeated.

"We regret the delay in reopening the bridge, but we are satisfied that it is now in a good condition."

Secklow Bridge on fire in January 2010. The bridge ended up being closed until June 2011. Milton Keynes Council spent £424,000 on equipment to support the bridge, part of the overall £1.07m bill

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Ice rink revamp looks likely

PLANS to refurbish the Leisure Plaza , including Milton Keynes ice rink, Planet Ice, are set to be given the go-ahead.

The work, which will be overseen by developers Abbeygate, will see the rink redeveloped and improvements to the external areas of the Leisure Plaza.

The development work will not begin until after the end of the current English Premier ice hockey season, with MK Lightning likely to play at Coventry during the revamp.

A forum was held at the rink last Thursday to ensure that the views of rink users were put forward for consideration.

It was chaired by John Neville, Group Managing Director of Planet Ice. Mr Neville said: "By working in partnership with Abbeygate and taking on board the views of the rink users, this is a huge step towards Planet Ice providing the people of Milton Keynes and all its ice users a top-class venue that everyone who uses it can be proud of."

MK Lightning chairman Vito Rausa said: "We understand there will be uncertainty for our fans, but the end result will be a first class facility, and it will be well worth the wait."

Jazz legend Terry Lightfoot who has died at Milton Keynes Hospital after a battle with cancer

Jazz legend Lightfoot dies

BAND leader and jazz musician Terry Lightfoot has died at the age of 77 after a battle with prostate cancer.

Lightfoot, from Olney, passed away on Friday evening at Milton Keynes General Hospital, and is survived by his wife Iris and daughters Michele and Melinda.

Terry died just days after fellow jazz musician Kenny Ball, who was once in his band, passed away.

The group played as the house band on Des O'Connor's first television series in the 1960s.

Terry, who played the clarinet, also made regular appearances on the Morecambe and Wise Show.

For a spell he had been the landlord of the Three Horseshoes Pub in Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

As a young man Terry had the privilege of touring with Louis Armstrong and was supported by both The Who and The Beatles before they were famous.

His last appearance with his band was in 2012.

Husband cleared of wife's murder

BY JAMES AVERILL

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A HUSBAND from Milton Keynes has been cleared of murdering his wife on their honeymoon to claim £132,000 on her life insurance policy.

John Clifton Davies, 50, was accused of murdering his wife Colette, 39, who he married in 2003 but was then found dead at the bottom of a ravine in a remote part of India on their honeymoon 14 months later.

Mr Davies had also been accused of making 'fake representation' by fraudulently claiming an insurance payment of £132,000 after her death.

But at Cardiff Crown Court on Tuesday the prosecution offered no evidence against Mr Davies. The court entered not guilty verdicts and the company director was freed after spending almost 18 months in custody.

An inquest had recorded an open verdict, but Mr Davies was arrested and charged in 2011 following a fresh police enquiry.

Felicity Galvin, Senior Crown Prosecutor for the Crown Prosecution Service in Wales, said: "In November 2011 we advised that, based on the evidence available at the time that Davies should be charged with murder and two counts of fraud.

"As part of that investigation, officers visited India and became aware of significant new information from two people who could potentially provide direct eyewitness evidence.

"This new information could be said to undermine the prosecution case. The CPS reviewed the case again. We concluded that the evidential requirements are no longer met in relation to both the murder and fraud charges. As a result, the prosecution counsel has advised the court that we are offering no evidence against John Clifton Davies in this case."

MKNEWS BRIEFS

New council offices

AN OFFICIAL launch of new offices for West Bletchley Council took place on March 13. The offices have been transformed from a doctor's surgery into the home for the West Bletchley staff. Old and new councillors as well as community groups, attended the event.

London Road changes

FOLLOWING the building of the Hayes development off London Road, in Stony Stratford, £12,270.40 has been used by the Town Council to replace the fencing along London Road and the stretch of fence along Malletts Close. Stony Stratford Town Council has worked closely with the London Road Allotments Association to replace the gates.

£500k budget boost for growth

AN ENTERPRISE group will have an extra £500,000 over two years to help develop plans for growth.

The news comes after the government decided to decentralise economic powers and resources to local areas.

Dr Ann Limb, chair of the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP), which covers Milton Keynes, said:

"We are delighted that the Government has recognised that the focus for economic growth has to be at a local level. This pot of funding will encourage competition and efficiency.

"It means they will be handing over responsibilities to local LEPs to develop growth."

MK is the 'best for business'

MILTON Keynes has been named the 'best place for business' in the country in a survey by independent researchers Local Futures and the Municipal Journal.

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Cloudy2Clear service the Bedford, Milton Keynes & Leighton Buzzard areas and Billy is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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Concern over the way the poor are treated

SIR – I refer to the letters printed by your newspaper from Arun Vaidyanathan and Barry Lefranc (MK LETTERS, March 13). And I agree with what they say.

I really am concerned about the way this government is treating the poor, the elderly, the disadvantaged and the armed forces.

I would urge the government to think again about the new rules for spare bedrooms. This affects myself and I know that it has angered so many people and caused worry and stress for so many.

I urge the government to show compassion, respect and mercy or face the wrath of God who is for the poor and vulnerable. Pride comes before a fall.

Cameron and Clegg are puffed up with being in power and they are wreaking havoc in this land and it is becoming so unfair.

I have many more thoughts on this subject but I felt I had to write to say how I agree with what was printed on your letters page.

A Oldfield
Sent by e-mail

Cyclists should stop moaning about roads

SIR – I am writing in response to Mr Phillip Ashbourne (MK LETTERS, March 13), who says the roads are too dangerous for cyclists!

Last time I checked they don't pay road tax to contribute to road repairs and usually cause more issues on the road holding up traffic and swerving back and forth away from the kerb, or riding two abreast. As a result the person in the car, who pays road tax, cannot pass.

So when these freeloaders start moaning about car drivers and potholes they should think whether or not they have any right to.

Ryan Green
Bletchley

Councillors need to represent the people

SIR – In reply to Mark Richardson's letter last week, I suggest he approaches some of the members of the Lib/Dem and Labour Milton Keynes councillors who use MK council meetings to whinge or make a cheap political party point.

Get them to physically help the YMCA renovate 123 flats.

Now this would be really positive. I can loan Cllrs McCall, Long, Williams, Brackenbury, Eastman, Maric, and Coventry, use of my wheelbarrow and shovel to help fill skips. It's about time some councillors realised they are elected to support Milton Keynes ratepayers – not to dream or promote their own personal political party grievances or ambitions.

John Groves
Sent by e-mail

Any news on Business Venture Club in MK

SIR – Does anyone know what happened to the Milton Keynes Business Venture Club?

I know that the club helped many people, including myself to start up and run business enterprises.

It seems that the Chamber of Commerce has now collapsed and I believe this was instrumental in the set up of this club.

I wrote to MP Mark Lancaster over a year ago about this and heard that something to replace this was in the pipeline.

I assume that nothing is happening on that front now the C of C has failed.

With small business believed to be what will save our economy in this time of depression, it's a shame that nothing is being done to help business start ups.

Richard Manser
Downs Barn

Surprised to see our MP pulling pints

SIR – During the last month MK NEWS and other parts of the MK media have been full of articles, letters and items about the dire state of the economy, the cuts to local and national public services and welfare benefits and the pressures on our cherished NHS services – all a result of the of the Tory/Lib Dem coalition.

We have lost our triple A status, have over 2.5million people who are unemployed and now stand on the brink of a triple dip recession.

Next month the 'Bedroom Tax' and a cap on the annual increase of many benefits at one per cent come in, adversely affecting the poorest members of society.

Against this background of unease and worry I was interested to see what the MP for MK North, Mark Lancaster, was going to write about in 'Mark's Monthly Focus' (MK NEWS, March 13).

I was rather underwhelmed to discover that his column was devoted to the jolly time he had pulling pints in local pubs. Out of touch or what?

He should, of course, be commended for re-skilling so that he will have a chance of a new job in the outside world after the next General Election!

Dave Brunwin
Stony Stratford

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Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

Why the recently retired are enjoying life

TALK to anyone over 30 and it isn't long before the conversation changes to pensions.

Paying too much, too little, too late or nothing at all. Everyone has one worry or another.

But there is an elite group of recently retired who have managed to retire on full pensions before the austerity measures bit.

City Life tracked down one such local, who prefers to remain anonymous. He explained why he has good reason to be enjoying his Golden Years.

A word of warning, if you have recently discovered your pension is worthless, look away now.

"I was born after the war into a period of relative peace. Rationing had come to an end, most foods were in good supply and many pre-war childhood diseases controlled.

"TV came to most homes in the mid 50s with lots of programs for children," said our pensioner who was lucky enough to have a non-contributory, index-linked scheme.

"When I left school, children from ordinary backgrounds had the opportunity to go to university, which was free, unlike today.

"You had a choice of career as opposed to settling for a job as many youngsters have to today.

"As I grew up, the swinging 60s were in full swing, youth had a voice and we were making our mark. The pill was invented and with it came the sexual freedom.

"Package holidays to Spain were taking off. I had a motor scooter at 17 when at the same age my father had a push bike.

"Young couples aspired to own their own properties and mortgages were relatively easy to get.

"As I approached middle age, my hair started to disappear. David Beckham shaved his off and being bald was the new hairy. And as things started to tail off elsewhere, along came Viagra. It doesn't get much better than that!"

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Doreen Adcock, 76, from Little Bricknell has taught 54,000 children to swim over a period of 35 years

Granny Doreen lands award

GRANNY Doreen Adcock has landed an award for her life-long dedication to teaching children to swim.

It is been estimated that Doreen, aged 76, of Little Brickhill, has given lessons to around 54,000 youngsters in Milton Keynes.

Doreen, who has two grand children, has been crowned national Granny of the Month by the website Grannynet in recognition of efforts with the youngsters.

Her prize is a copy of the book 'Who Do You Think You Are', Encyclopaedia of Genealogy.

Doreen was surprised and delighted when she received a letter in the post on Friday after being nominated by friend Sandra Bald.

Doreen said: "I don't have the internet or email so they weren't able to contact me.

"Out of the blue I received a letter along with a book. I think it's really lovely."

Doreen now voluntarily helps disabled children learn to swim.

£120 snatched in knifepoint theft

BY ANNABEL HOWARD
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POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a 32-year-old man was robbed at knifepoint on Thursday afternoon.

Thieves demanded his mobile phone and when the victim stated he did not have one, he was threatened with a knife by one of three thugs.

Another of the robbers searched the victim's pockets and stole £120 of cash, after which two of the men fled the scene on bikes and the third man on foot. The victim was not injured during the robbery.

The attack took place in Conniburrow when the man was walking along Stronecrop Place towards the H5 overbridge at 12.30pm.

The assailants have all been described as caucasian.

The main offender who wielded a knife is said to be about 20-years-old, slim, 5ft 5ins tall with short blonde hair.

He wore a white shiny earring in his right ear and a silver tracksuit with a zip top and white trainers.

He was riding a small bike and the knife was about four inches-long with a two-inch blade. It had black tape wrapped around the handle.

The second offender is slim, in his late 30s, 5ft 9 ins, with short black hair with some facial hair.

He was wearing jeans and a black knee-length coat.

The third man, also in his twenties is about 5ft 5ins with broken teeth and wore a dark tracksuit and also rode a small bike.

Witnesses can call Det Con Reynolds from Milton Keynes Police at the Thames Valley Enquiry Centre on 101.

Or you can make contact anonymously at Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 or by visiting Crimestoppers-uk.org.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Sheep found in flood

FIREFIGHTERS rescued 22 sheep and lambs from flood water in Wolverton on Sunday. The animals were found in a field near Haversham Road. Firefighters from The Water Rescue Unit in Newport Pagnell attended. Officers used dry suits, personal flotation devices and a rescue lead to get all the animals to safety.

Handbag burglars

THIEVES entered a house in Downhead Park through an insecure door and made off with £40 in cash as well as a handbag and its contents on Thursday. The incident took place in Fairford Crescent between 1.30-5.45am. Witnesses can call Det Con Wendy Cissell on 101.

Workshops planned for carnival

WORKSHOPS will be taking place at The Ace Centre to help prepare for this year's West Bletchley Carnival.

The theme 'A Day at the Zoo' has inspired the ideas and materials for the workshops every Wednesday from 3.30pm.

West Bletchley's culture and events coordinator Gennaro Corrado said: "The carnival parade is free to enter and we hope that more organisations and groups come on board."

The carnival takes place on Saturday June 8 from Melrose with pre-carnival events from 10am and the parade at 12pm.

For more see www.westbletchleycouncil.gov.uk

Driver found in ditch on A509

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after an early morning car crash saw a vehicle finish up in a ditch.

The driver was travelling in a silver Ford Fiesta in Newport Pagnell when he was discovered by a cyclist at about 4.50am on Sunday.

The man was found in a ditch on the A509 London Road and was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital with serious leg injuries.

Witnesses should contact PC Liz Johnson on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

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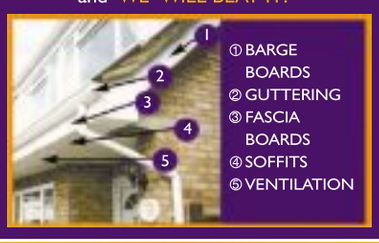

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Angry: Protestors demonstrate against the controversial 'bedroom tax' which comes into force next month

Protestors slam new bedroom tax

BY JAMES AVERILL
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NEARLY 40 people attended a protest against the bedroom tax in Milton Keynes on Friday afternoon.

The demonstration, held outside Milton Keynes Council's civic offices, saw placards demanding 'axe the bedroom tax', and loud chants of 'no ifs, no buts, say no to benefit cuts'.

The controversial government plans, due to be introduced next month, will see some people who live in social housing lose 14 per cent of their housing benefit if they have a spare room, and 25 per cent if they have two or more.

"I want us to be heard, I don't think it's very fair," said protest organiser Hayley De Bruin. "They are targeting the poor people which is wrong, they should be targeting the rich who can afford this.

"Disabled people are going to have to pay for the spare room that their carers stay in."

Vikki Francis, who lives in Shenley Lodge, was one of the protestors, and suffers from chronic fatigue syndrome and arthritis and needs a carer for three or four nights of the week.

She told MK NEWS: "I'm a single person who is disabled. I have a two bedroom property. Because of the bedroom tax and council tax I'm now £70-a-month worse off and I can't find that money, and I can't find a one bedroom property near my carer to live in – so I'm stuck. I sometimes need someone to get me out of bed. It's not fair and it's not right. They keep picking on the poor people."

Emily Darlington, Labour's Parliamentary Spokesperson for Milton Keynes North said: "The bedroom tax is wrong and short-sighted with 1,800 households affected across Milton Keynes.

"Hundreds of people will suffer a loss of income and many will be pushed into poverty.

"I hope councillors from all parties will join Labour's call for ministers to think again. This isn't about tough choices, it's about the wrong choices."

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Rosia is dreaming big

Rosia Li from Milton Keynes has become a Midlands regional winner for Kip McGrath Education Centre's national competition Dream a Big Dream. The competition, open to youngsters aged 9-14, invited entrants to write about their dreams for the future. Rosia's big dream is to be a professional pianist, and she's already won a place in the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain. Rosia, aged 10, said: "I was over the moon when I won. It was awesome."

Hammer firm is fined

A DIY firm has been fined after the head of one of its sledge-hammers came flying off. DK Tools Ltd of West Drayton was fined £2,800 and £5,000 costs for failing to ensure the sledge-hammers, imported from China, were safe. A man from Newport Pagnell had complained to MK council's regulatory unit about the incident in May 2012.

Dog charity lands an award for its service

A DOG charity based in Milton Keynes has picked up an award at a national event.

Medical Detection Dogs walked away with the Best Service award at the annual Burgess Wetnose Animal Rescue Awards in Knightsbridge this week.

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Claire Akehurst, who collected the award on behalf of the charity, said: "It's such a privilege and will raise greater awareness."

Teenager James is top player

A TEENAGER from Stony Stratford has won this year's Young Musician of the Year award for his skill playing the flute.

James Westlake, 18, was presented with the award by Mayor Catriona Morris in a Milton Keynes Music Service ceremony at the Chrysalis Theatre, Willen.

The judges said that they were amazed at the high standard of performances at the ceremony, but chose James as their top man.

James, who has been with the service for more than three years, said: "I'm thrilled I won as I have worked very hard for it, but I'd like to congratulate everyone else on their performances too."

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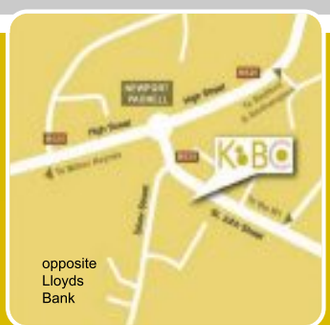

One of the swimathon teams. More photos at mk-news.co.uk

Swimathon raises £25k for charities

A SWIMATHON at Stantonbury Pool has raised £25,000 for a range of local charities.

More than 250 swimmers took part in the Rotary Club event now in its 20th year.

Teams raised money for their own chosen charities across the city.

Swimathon chairman Bill Blyth said: "This is a wonderful achievement in the present economic climate. Our thanks to all the amazing swimmers and sponsors."

Life-saving heart kit is charity aim

BY DAN PALMER
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FUNDRAISERS who are rowing the English Channel want to make enough money to install a life-saving defibrillator at the MK Dons' training ground.

The vital piece of equipment helped save the life of Bolton Wanderers footballer Fabrice Muamba, who collapsed on the pitch against Tottenham Hotspur almost exactly a year ago, on March 17, 2012.

It can be used in the event of someone suffering a sudden cardiac arrest to shock their heart back into a normal rhythm.

The chances of survival dramatically increase from just five per cent with CPR alone to 50 per cent with CPR and defibrillation.

It will be paid for by funds raised by rowers from the MK Dons SET (Sports and Education Trust) and Milton Keynes Rowing Club who will take on a 22-mile voyage to France in April.

A host of other sports club also use the Dons' training base at Woughton on the Green.

Ashley Whitmore, Health and Wellbeing Officer of the SET, said: "This is going to be quite a gruelling challenge but everybody involved is really enthusiastic about it and wants to raise the money to be able to install a defibrillator."

Muamba is fronting the 'Hearts and Goals' campaign, which aims to place defibrillators across the UK.

The hope is that some of the 100,000 deaths from sudden cardiac arrest in the country every year can be prevented.

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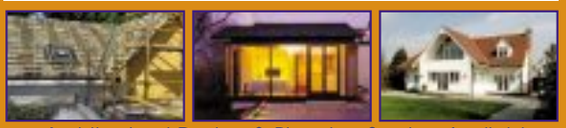
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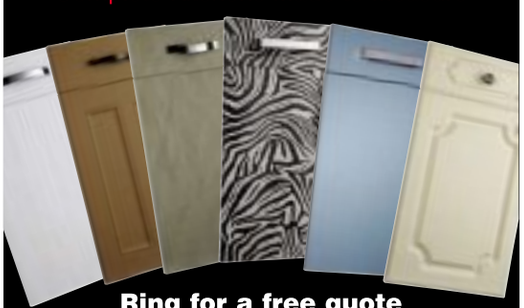
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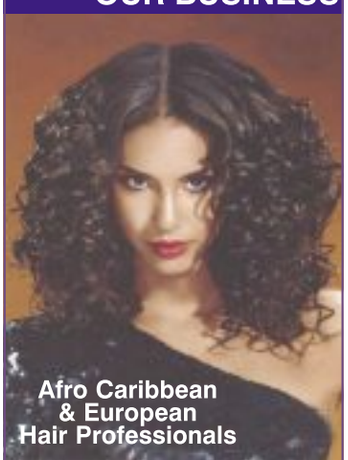
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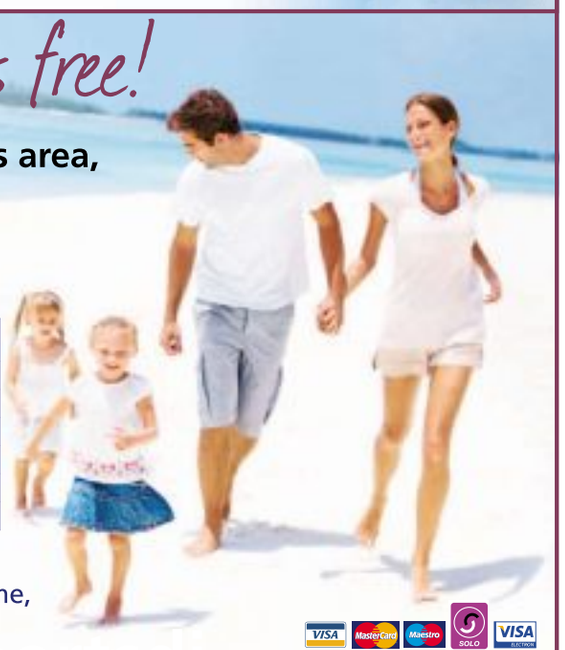

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brings out the noses!

Staff at Cafe Rouge dressed up as 80s music stars on Thursday and on Friday spent the day in pyjamas

BY ANDY HANDLEY
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MILTON Keynes went 'Funny for Money' in aid of Comic Relief to add to the £75m raised so far this year.

At Webber Independent School it was red tops and fancy dress for teachers and students, while Air Ambulance (BOB) crews donned Red Noses as they took to skies.

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at St Patrick's parade

Lean, green and fun: Festive Road carnival group's giant snake heads the procession of flags on parade

BY ANDY HANDLEY
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WITH a drop of the 'Black Stuff' to keep out the wind and rain, Milton Keynes Irish Centre's St Patrick's Day parade and festivities went with a swing on Saturday.

The parade from The Irish Centre in Manor Field to Bletchley's bandstand, was met by Deputy Mayor Brian White, who was on hand with MC Mal Nally to welcome them and present 'The Shamrock'. Onlookers were then treated to a display from Julie Herlihy, from the School of Irish Dancing.

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A step in the dark for MP Iain

Iain Stewart MP is safely guided on Friday's blindfold walk

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MP IAIN Stewart has said that doing a blindfold walk has helped raise his awareness of the problems faced by the visually impaired.

The MP for Milton Keynes South was blindfolded during a walk and bus journey to the city's rail station. He was helped along by members of the Guide Dog Mobility Team from Reading, which promotes guide dog services and campaigns across Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Oxfordshire.

The group's latest campaign is for the introduction of talking buses, which would announce where the bus will be stopping next.

Joel Young, 27, is a community engagement officer for the group, and brought along his guide dog Atkins, who he has had for the last five years.

Joel, who suffers from ROP, a disease of the eye, said: "I have found it very difficult travelling on buses as a visually impaired person as I can't see landmarks. We're calling for talking buses, much like the ones we see in London."

Mr Stewart, who sits on the Transport Select Committee at Westminster, was keen to try out the blindfold walk to understand how visually impaired people commute.

"It's very disorientating, I'm quite surprised because what I hear now is much stronger," Mr Stewart told MK NEWS during his walk.

"It does give me a real ability to understand what it is like to move around without sight. I do find doing these sort of activities really helps me focus on what issues we need to be looking at."

Speaking about the select committee's discussions around talking buses, he said: "We've only just started the enquiry, we had our first evidence session on Monday, and we've got several more coming up."

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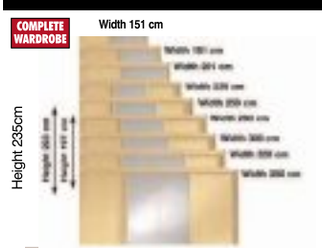

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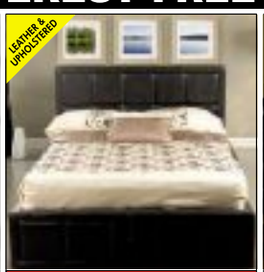

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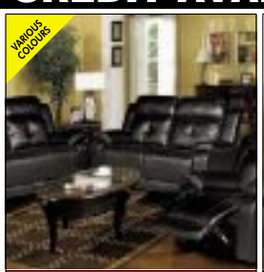

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'Smudger' hands his bubbly to fan Linda!

BY DAN PALMER
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ALAN 'Smudger' Smith was named as the MK Dons Player of the Month on Saturday, but the former Manchester United and England star decided to give his prize bottle of champagne away.

Thirty-two-year-old Smith won the fans' vote on www.mk-news.co.uk to clinch the award for February and was presented with the bubbly ahead of the 3-0 home victory over Tranmere.

But as he doesn't drink, Smith decided to give the bottle away to Dons fan Linda Chown, who had won the right to make the pitch-side presentation simply by voting in the online poll.

"I now have a nice bottle that has gone in the cupboard at home," Linda said.

"I'm going to save it for my birthday in June."

Smith is the fourth winner of the Player of the Month contest following on from Luke Chadwick, Antony Kay and Shaun Williams.

MK NEWS has teamed up with Karl Robinson's Dons to allow fans to vote for their choice of player every month, by simply using the free online poll.

It means that the best performing members of the squad receive a monthly honour and one fan who votes will also be selected at random to win two top prizes.

The winning supporter gets to present the winning player with the bottle of champagne prior to a home match, and they will then watch the game for free with a guest of their choice thanks to two complimentary Club Red tickets.

"I enjoyed being at pitch-side and we got a good result as well," Linda added.

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Smudger's the winner: Alan Smith and fan Linda Chown on Saturday

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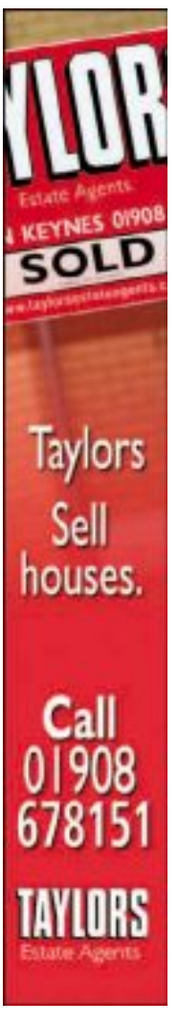

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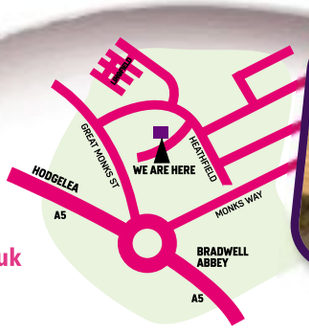

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School clothing bank

BY ANNABEL HOWARD
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A PERMANENT clothes bank has been placed in Giles Brook Primary School as part of a new project with the Salvation Army Trading Company Ltd.

The school has previously had temporary clothing banks but this is the first time it has teamed up with SATCoL.

Giles Brook, in Tattenhoe, has been promised to receive a portion of the money depending on how much they manage to recycle.

The school plans to use the money for its own facilities and within the community.

Headteacher Claire Britnell said: "It's a fun way to teach our children about the importance of textile recycling.

"People sometimes forget that it's just as important to recycle your old clothes as some of the more obvious items like newspapers and bottles."

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MK NEWS has teamed up with Milton Keynes Theatre, and Style Hair & Beauty Ltd in Wing to celebrate the arrival of the ultimate feel good show – Hairspray, which comes to Milton Keynes on April 1.

And we want you to get creative and send in pictures of your own Mad March Hair! Think big, think bold, think Hairspray!

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The lucky winner will get four tickets to see Hairspray at Milton Keynes Theatre with VIP treatment and the chance to meet the cast. The winner and three friends will also receive a make-over, manicure and goody bag from Style Hair & Beauty.

Samantha Kenneth and Ruben Paisley sent these snaps of their hair

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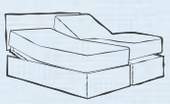

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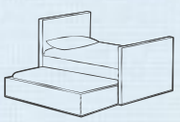

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Schools elect the MK youth cabinet

BY JAMES AVERILL
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YOUNG people from Milton Keynes will represent their peers after being voted onto the Milton Keynes Youth Cabinet.

Thousands of pupils from schools across the city voted them in and also elected four youngsters to stand for them nationally in the UK Youth Parliament.

Elected members will hold discussions with Milton Keynes Council to ensure that young people's views are heard, while the Parliament members will also debate national issues in the House of Commons.

Members of the newly elected Youth Cabinet and Youth Parliament

Elizabeth Beale, 16, was re-elected to the MK Youth Cabinet and UK Youth Parliament this year, and said: "It's really important for young people to have their say on the decisions and changes that will affect them. Having been a member of the MK Youth Cabinet and UK Youth Parliament the previous year, I really felt that I helped make a positive impact on the lives of others and it's great that I can continue to do that this year."

Will Spurgeon, assistant director for integrated support and social care at MK Council, said: "There were over 10,000 votes in this year's elections, which means they will be truly representative of the young people of Milton Keynes. We are confident we have a strong group who will make a very positive contribution to the city."

Voters also decided on the group's campaign focus of improving relationships between young people and the police and supporting young people in preparing for the workplace.

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If the recent arctic conditions are anything to go by, you might be finding it hard to accept that spring really is in the air.

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As for the great outdoors, the birds are already belting out romantic ballads like there's no tomorrow, the sun is flying higher and higher in the sky and the air is beginning to smell oh, so sweet.

So take a deep breath and enjoy it. Now's the time to freshen up your décor indoors and spruce up your living space outside.

Major improvements may be beyond your means in these cash-strapped times but even the smallest of D-I-Y mini-makeovers can lift your spirits and brighten up your home. Even a splash of spring cleaning can go a long way to breathing new life into a 'worn-down by winter' house but sometimes a little more inspiration is required.

If you've decided that 'improving is better than moving', maybe now is the time to invest in a new kitchen or bathroom; it will add thousands to the value of your home but there are bargains out there to be had if you look for them.

In the garden, a fresh look at the layout, an improved, colour co-ordinated planting scheme or even the addition of inexpensive strings of twinkling fairy lights, will bring the prospect of long, lazy summer evenings enjoying the al fresco lifestyle a little closer.

There's no need to take out a second mortgage to freshen up and make a few significant alterations. With a little creativity - but not a lot of money - you can really look forward to summer at home and in the garden.

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Your kitchen has to reflect your lifestyle which probably means that it will have to function on a number of different levels. But bear in mind that sometimes it pays to spend a little bit more so that the furniture and appliances you install will last without dating.

For those who love the idea of a country-style kitchen, natural wood, whether it's limed, stained, painted or waxed, offers plenty of potential to display pretty crockery and other kitchen accessories adding to the olde-worlde charm. And if you have the space, a scrubbed wooden table will serve multiple purposes as a food preparation worktop and a place around which to share good food, good conversation and good company.

A Shaker-inspired kitchen combines old and new by mixing the wood-dominated look of a traditional kitchen and the clean lines of a more contemporary one - the perfect choice for indecisive types!

Contemporary kitchen design is influenced by a need to keep appliances, fittings and accessories out of sight to enhance the crisp, clean lines of this look. Sleek is in. Mono shades sit comfortably within this style but this year, both peacock blue and purple are also proving popular.

A high gloss finish will maximise space and reflect light, but there's no compromise on functionality. Stainless steel appliances not only look stylish and sophisticated but also give the room a unified look and those silver clean lines signal top-end refrigerators, stoves and even rubbish bins. 'Fridges may be getting bigger and bigger but, as with electronic devices or wireless systems, built into walls or niches, new technologies make them virtually invisible.

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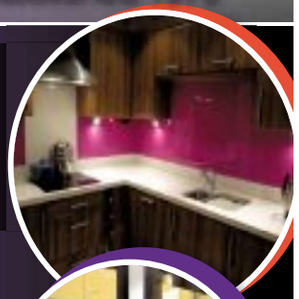

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Make the most of

The days are getting longer, the sky is getting brighter - and all you can see is that your home looks duller! Spring cleaning can go a long way to breathing new life into your home but sometimes a little more inspiration is required.

There's nothing like a design rethink - even a mini-makeover - to cheer up both you and your home by making a few significant alterations.

You need to get the most out of the space you've got. The three most common ways of making your home bigger is to go UP into the loft, OUT into an extension, or DOWN into the basement. Modern building techniques and new materials give you more choices, whether the conversion is to serve as an extra bedroom, bigger kitchen, bathroom, home office or a playroom for the kids.

If you don't have any extra room to add an extension, try re-positioning the furniture; it will cost you nothing and change the look of a room in a flash. If, previously, your sofa and chairs were against the walls, pull it all out and place it at angles.

Seating and storage options need to pay their way. Armchairs or sectional sofas that can be mixed and matched to suit different arrangements are back in vogue. They need to be easy to take care of and eco-friendly as a bonus, as do storage items that can accommodate TVs, DVD players and surround sound systems.

If you are on a budget even painting one wall as a focal point will look cleaner and brighter. Add colourful texture and warmth with big bright cushions or rugs made of recycled materials or natural fabrics.

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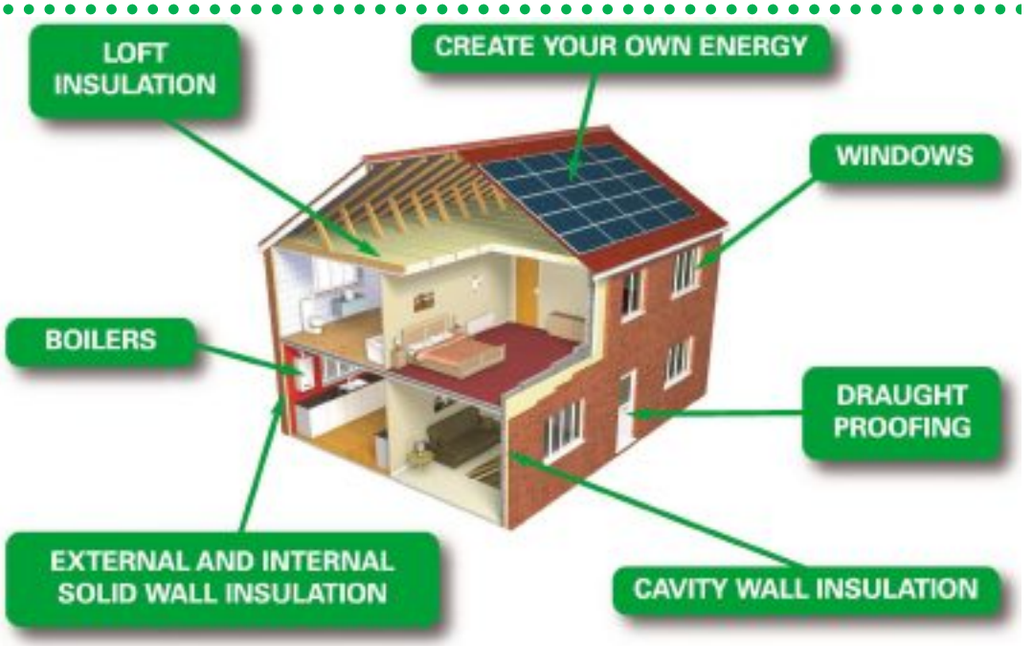

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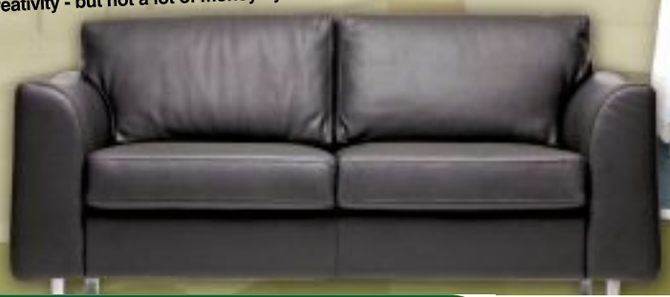
Continuing the eco-approach, there are some terrific lamps and reading lights made out of recycled wood and plastic and there's no reason why you shouldn't decorate your walls with nature too.

Plants always liven up any home decorating ideas and come in a multitude of styles and sizes. But if your track record in keeping them alive is not good there are some remarkably attractive silk flowers on the market these days. Large statement scenes of plants, trees and flowers work very well in the contemporary living room and they can be as realistic or as abstract as you like.

All in all, whatever you decide to do to improve your home the upside is that not only do you get to enjoy a re-invigorated living space but you're bound to recoup your investment if you come to sell later on.

With a little creativity - but not a lot of money - you can really look forward to summer at home.



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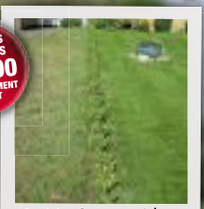
Spot the GreenThumb lawn

Here are our six tips to get your lawn off to a flying start.

Clean Up
Rake away those dead leaves, twigs and branches. The less debris on the lawn, the healthier it will be, not to mention the real benefit from increasing its exposure to sunlight.

Clear up leaves

Lawns don't like shade
Take a good look at those border plants, shrubs and trees – they all have a habit of encroaching on the lawn's space and weakening it by denying it light. Then … get the secateurs out!

Is your mower up to the job?
Check your mower is up to the job - it's not too late to get it serviced. Make sure the blade is sharp and keep it that way by buying a spare and swapping it over as the season progresses. Remember to raise the height of your first cut to just 'top' the grass – cutting it too low will put the grass into stress and set it back - just when you want to encourage it.

Early weed growth

Does your lawn need some T.L.C?
The ground starts to warm now so it's a good time to repair those bare patches that always appear over winter. Carefully rake the patch to create a bed, sow the seeds with a little top-soil and don't let them dry out. They'll germinate in a few days. Don't mow or feed them until a few weeks have passed and they're well established.

Hand-pick those early weeds.
If hand-picking isn't your thing and you don't fancy buying, storing and handling chemicals, get the professionals in.

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Functionality obviously but thereafter there's no reason why you can't indulge your whims and fancies just as you would in any other room of the house.

If you are planning a bathroom makeover soft and soothing lines with natural materials remain key. If your budget allows, go for products with longevity and high quality combined with traditional workmanship; a mix of contemporary classic design with a sense of luxury.

This year has seen the emergence of a sophisticated subtle palette of muted earthy tones in greys, grassy greens, aubergine and stone. But introduce a daring splash of vibrant colour for a modern twist on the spa-at-home theme.

As for bathroom furniture, modular remains the most popular choice and it can be pieced together to create the exact look you want. But there will always be a market for quality bespoke floor-standing pieces in warm woods or muted tones. If you're a sucker for a lovely hot bath before bed, free standing tubs remain strong contenders for that touch of luxury and relaxation.

Your choice of taps and accessories is just as important as your suite – especially as they're likely to be used several times every day.

One of the most common mistakes people make is to splash out on their suite, but scrimp on their taps so make sure you reserve enough in your budget for these important final touches. Look out for taps made from high quality brass and set them off with matching accessories.

Part tiling is a strong trend; combine simple splash-backs with fully tiled feature walls in contrast to painting remaining walls in a complementary or statement colour. LED lighting remains the top choice for ambience and boutique styling but consider light 'layers' - light from different sources - controlled separately to create different effects.

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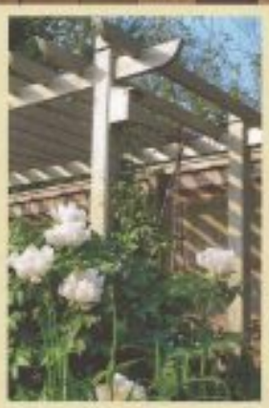

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Beautiful Gardens

If you are clever (and lucky) enough to have green fingers and a back yard that others drool over, you'd be amazed at what you can do with just a little forethought and elbow grease on even the smallest patch.

Garden trends have to tick a number of boxes not least the need to be practical, environmentally sound and imaginatively designed - and all without spending too much money to achieve your own little Eden.

You can't hurry a garden. Unless you've got a team of heavies to come and give it an instant makeover it could take years to get your plot just the way you want it. But there are a few tricks of the trade you can bear in mind.

Hot colours, such as reds, orange, bright yellow and even brilliant white will jump out at you. They will make a large space more intimate and a small garden feel even tinier.

Cool colours - blues, soft pinks and lilacs mimic that atmospheric 'blue remembered hills' haze. Plant up flowers, shrubs and bushes in those colours round the perimeter and it will make your garden feel bigger. Similarly, painting fences in muted hues will add to the perception of receding boundaries.

You can borrow a few tips in perspective from painters by running a path straight down the centre of your garden that gradually narrows as it reaches the back fence. Or clip a hedge so that it diminishes in height the further away from you it gets.

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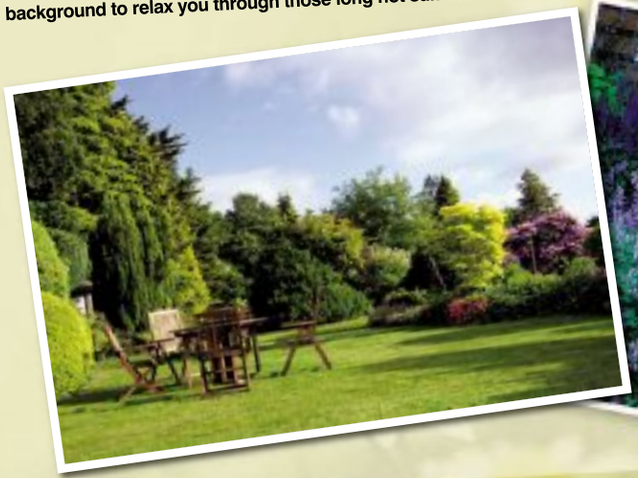

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The first captivating production is 'Lulu', at 7pm on Tuesday March 26. A masterpiece that has been described as 'total theatre', it invites the audience to unflinchingly confront humanity's darkest regions. This is an adaption of Alban Berg's second and final opera, and promises a 'shattering but rewarding' experience for the audience.

The following night sees Janacek's 'The Cunning Little Vixen' *pictured*, a 'wondrous hymn to the cycle of life'. With a spectacular forest setting, this is a show for those who wonder at the beauty of nature and everything she offers.

David Poutney's production is the first performance of Little Vixen for over a decade by the Welsh National Opera and is sure to be an uplifting experience.

Finally there is 'Madam Butterfly', which showcases tragic Italian opera at its most enthralling. Featuring the music of Puccini, which immerses the audience in its tragic undercurrent, 'Madam Butterfly' has been compared to 'a beautiful old photograph'. You're sure to enjoy the snaps...

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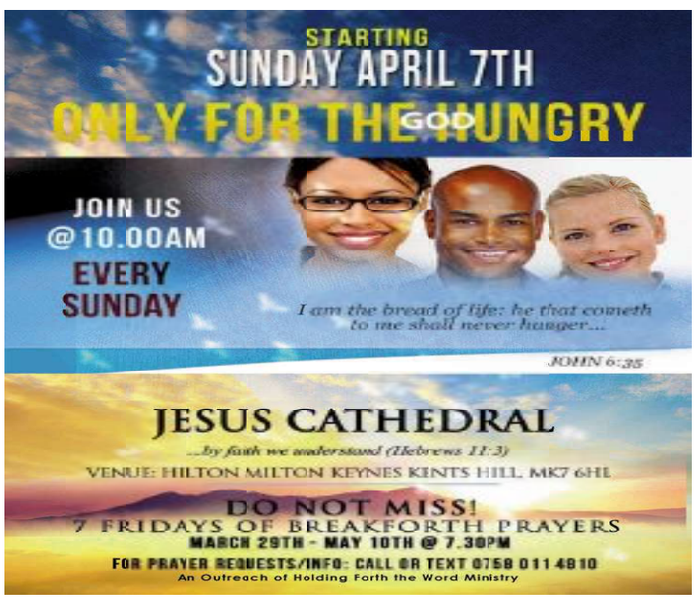

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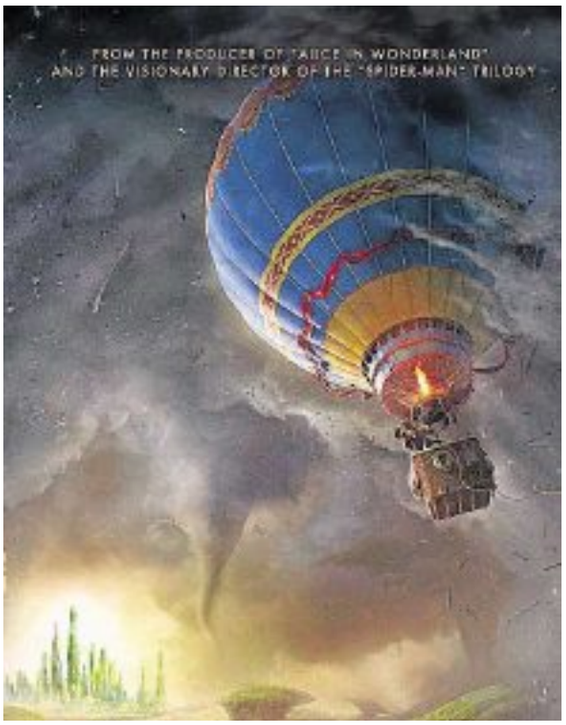

DESPITE trying to re-ignite the magic previous generations had with timeless classic The Wizard of Oz, this prequel, Oz The Great And Powerful, lacks the heart of the original.

For a family movie it does have its merits – including some beautiful computer-generated backdrops that bring the world of Oz to life for this generation, but it ends up as a muddling traipse down the infamous 'yellow brick road'.

Despite his Oscar-nominated turn in 127 Hours and lead role in box-office smash The Rise of the Planet of the Apes, James Franco isn't yet a strong enough leading man for a blockbuster of this magnitude.

Disney has undoubtedly tried to replicate the massive success of Alice in Wonderland from three years ago, but that had Johnny Depp, and despite an admirable effort Franco struggles to convince as small-time circus magician Oscar Diggs.

But when thrust from dusty Kansas into the fantastical land of Oz – just like Judy Garland's character Dorothy in the 1939 film – he's mistaken as the wizardous saviour to its harmless inhabitants, who are ruled by the Wicked Witch.

Oscar though is more concerned about the riches he'll inherit as the supposed heir to the throne. But three witches who take him under his wing, Theordora (Mila Kunis), Evanora (Rachel Weisz) and Glinda (Michelle Williams), still need convincing.

And they're not the only ones who need convincing, as Weisz and a cackling Kunis battle hard with the generic script that does nothing for their talents.

Only Williams (who to be fair has a by-the-numbers sweet princess-like role) and Zach Braff, who voices brilliantly computer-generated winged-monkey Finley, really come away from the production unscathed.

It's pay-off isn't bad, it does have a throwback black-and-white opening like the original, and some of the scenery is simply luscious, but it somehow plays out in such a disjointed fashion that it ends up as a pretty joyless experience.

It's not short at more than two hours – which will leave kids a little fidgety – and acclaimed Evil Dead director Sam Raimi doesn't seem to have learned from his last major blockbuster debacle Spider-man 3.

Even though this will ignite a new franchise – after its $80million opening weekend in the States – it isn't great or powerful enough to linger in the memory for too long.

If you want a magical journey down the 'yellow brick road' then buy a copy of the Garland original.

By Gavin Miller
Rating: 2/5

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DIRTY Bizness will be performing at StonySwings! on Friday evening.

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The evening offers vocals in the style of Bessie Smith, *pictured.*

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musicnight

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Three acts will be performing and there's a European feel to proceedings as all the groups are from overseas.

Polish band The Kurws formed spontaneously in May 2008 following a game of table tennis. They draw on punk rock influences and the rock 'n' roll tradition.

Joining them are Swedish duo Lotti Solovitsky and Nini Maakestad, better known as 29:90. Their music has a machine-like rhythm, where African bells and Tom-Tom drums bounce above high pitched voices.

The final act is Swedish group Målgrupp. Expect industrial beats, sequencers, trumpets, delay racks and performers expressing themselves with their bodies and minds. Tickets are £5 on the door for a 7.30pm start.

RANGER Bob Streatfeild from Woburn Safari Park reveals how Mossy the zebra had been a little under the weather – although he's on the mend now

IN LATE February, Mossy our friendly Grevy's zebra stallion, had been going off his food.

So his keepers and the Woburn Safari Park vets decided to put him under anaesthetic, to do some important blood tests and check that all was well with his teeth.

Mossy's sedation went well, a blood sample was taken, and keepers filed down one of his teeth that had become a little pointed. This pointy tooth may have been why he wasn't eating properly, as it was possibly causing him some pain whilst chewing.

After his sedation Mossy had to be monitored closely to check for any adverse reactions to the drugs in his system, or any problems.

I have been doing post operative checks, making sure that all is well as he becomes fully alert once more.

Mossy and I have a special bond as I was actually the lucky ranger who picked Mossy up when he first arrived at Woburn from Edinburgh Zoo. He is a favourite with all the staff at the park and loves getting plenty of attention. All being well, Mossy should become a father again this year as Nuguvu, one of our mares is showing signs that she is pregnant.

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fourpoofs

HAVING established themselves on the Jonathan Ross Show, 4 Poofs and a Piano have announced the arrival on stage of many famous stars in their unique style.

Since the show moved to from the Beeb to ITV, the Poofs have made a number of changes to their line-up, with Dave Wickenden the only original member.

Now styled as the New 4 Poofs and a Piano, the group includes pianist Bobby Crush, Graeme Clark and Ian Lilley.

Despite the changes the group has still managed to maintain its brand of camp, irreverent, naughty fun that is sure to entertain the audience.

We caught up with 'Big' Dave Wickenden in anticipation of their performance at The Stables.

"We haven't played The Stables before, and we're really looking forward to it because we've heard it's an impressive venue," he says.

"We've been on the road for most of the year, and things are going really well. We have Bobby Crush on piano, and he's written some parts of the new show."

So what can audiences expect from Dave and his three mates?

"Lot's of fun, some fantastic dancing and some great comedy" he told MK NEWS. "We never take ourselves too seriously, but we have tried to establish ourselves as an act. We were with Jonathan Ross for nine years, so it will always be part of our history. But we've also done Glastonbury six times and performed in our own right."

Dave also says that the reaction to the new line-up and show has been very pleasing.

"People have loved the show. We had a gig in Essex the other week and they wouldn't let us go home!"

Hopefully the other venues will indeed let them leave the building, so they can turn up to their performance at The Stables on Thursday March 21. The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £15.

onlyvoices

HAVING proved a big hit at last year's Edinburgh Fringe, Fork are reinventing the art of a cappella.

Every sound made by this group comes from their own voices, even if you think you've heard an electric guitar or a thundering bass.

Fork offer their own versions of music like Coldplay's Viva la Vida or a medley of Lady Gaga songs, meaning the band will appeal to all ages.

They also mix up harmonies with dollops of their trademark humour, and they promise that you will be on your feet dancing by the end of the show.

Fork appear at The Stables at 8pm on Tuesday March 26. Tickets cost £17.50.

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A meeting will be held on Thursday 4th April 2013 at the Civic Offices, Central Milton Keynes, 1.30pm-4pm. (non members welcome)
Agenda
Speakers: Paul Kenny, General Secretary of the GMB Union. Speaking on pensioners issues: a trade union perspective.
Jerry Nelson, GMB National Secretary for retired members. Speaking on care in the NHS and Private Sector.
Paul Griffiths, Age UK Milton Keynes, Community Development Officer. Speaking on the role of Age UK in Milton Keynes.
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martipellow

MARTI Pellow is coming to Milton Keynes once again – this time with his songs from his new album.

And the popular singer is hoping his latest trip to the city runs as smoothly as possible, having had a series of issues in MK.

In 1997, as frontman of Wet Wet Wet, a gig was cancelled at the Bowl because it was expected to rain, an irony not lost on the country's tabloids.

And just two years ago he was forced to rush off stage at the theatre after breaking his nose during a performance of Jekyll and Hyde.

But theatre-goers will hope that Pellow makes it through unscathed, as he shows off his stunning new album Hope.

Marti Pellow appears at Milton Keynes Theatre on Sunday March 24. Tickets from £33.50 for a 7.30pm start.

tempestwithin

AN ALL-FEMALE cast presents Shakespeare's The Tempest Within this weekend.

The play revolves around a mother and daughter's relationship after they become stuck on an island for 12 years.

Both Friday and Saturday's 45-minute long shows will be held at the Barn in Westbury Arts Centre, Shenley Wood, at 7pm.

The cast will then tour the UK including MK Festival Fringe and Bedfringe. Tickets for the Alley-Way Theatre Company production are limited and cost £4. To book contact 07535 635877.

studenttalent

PERFORMING arts students at Milton Keynes College will present their rendition of the Broadway show The Wedding Singer next week.

The second year students will be putting on the show at Woughton Theatre.

Leading lad Kian Hessam-Vaziri, said: "The music is brilliant, it's been stuck in my head for the past month.

"I'm really looking forward to performing on stage with the cast!"

Shows are at 7.30pm on March 27 and 2.30pm and 7.30pm on March 28.

Contact mkpatickets@sky.com to book for the show. Tickets cost £7.50 to £5.00.

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garrisontown

FOLLOWING on from the publication of 'Cromwell's Garrison Town', Newport Pagnell's role in the civil war is being celebrated in an exhibition.

Jack Reynolds' book uncovered how Oliver Cromwell, who led the country as a republic for the only time in history, fought alongside troops at Newport Pagnell, sent his son there to fight and had a close personal friendship with the town's vicar.

In the exhibition you can find out more about Newport Pagnell's key role in one of England's most bloody wars by heading along to Discover Milton Keynes, on the first floor of Milton Keynes Central Library.

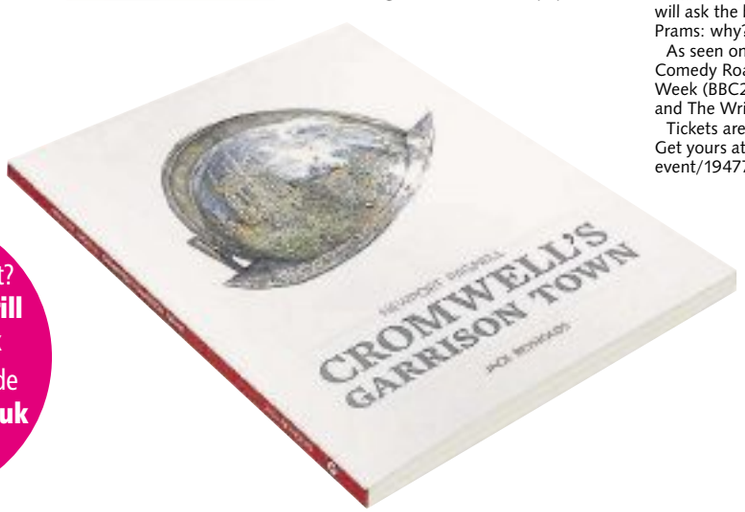
The exhibition runs until April 24. It's open in normal library hours and admission is free.

towergreen

GILBERT and Sullivan's opera, The Yeomen of the Guard, set in Tower Green, will be performed at Stantonbury Campus Theatre next week.

The plot revolves around a young prisoner awaiting execution. As a last request he asks to marry.

It runs until March 23. For tickets call 01908 262250 or visit www.1stnight.co.uk/boxoffice.php.



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zoelyons

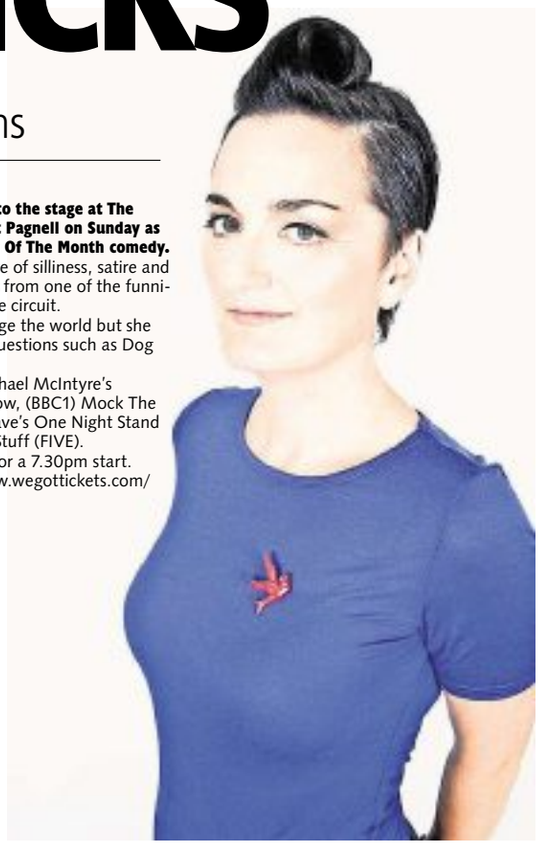
ZOE Lyons takes to the stage at The Cannon, Newport Pagnell on Sunday as part of That Time Of The Month comedy.

Expect a mixture of silliness, satire and caustic one liners from one of the funniest women on the circuit.

She won't change the world but she will ask the big questions such as Dog Prams: why?

As seen on Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, (BBC1) Mock The Week (BBC2), Dave's One Night Stand and The Wright Stuff (FIVE).

Tickets are £8 for a 7.30pm start. Get yours at www.wegottickets.com/event/194774.



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Our chosen charity this year has been picked by the Kent family who lost their son, Joe, who was a tattooist that lived in Milton Keynes earlier in the year. The charity they have picked is prostate cancer. The reason they chose this is because Joe was a supporter of this charity. Some of the artists are giving their time free by doing moustaches tattoo on the finger for £20 per tattoo, all of which will be given to charity. There will also be an award given in Joe's name to the artist that does the best tattoo in this category donated by Suns and Roses Tattoo Studio. To help the charity we will be giving £1 out of every ticket sold before the event in advance.

Tickets can be purchased at Suns and Roses Tattoos, 108 St James Rd, Northampton, 01604 949958. We accept cash or card payment over the phone and can post tickets out to you. Tickets are on sale now, prices of tickets are £12 per day or £18 weekend pre-booked. It was a great weekend last year for all the family. Children under 16 go free with a paying adult.

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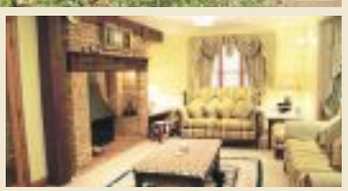

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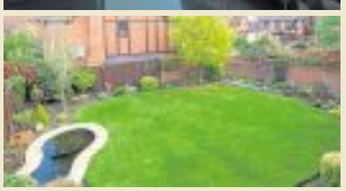

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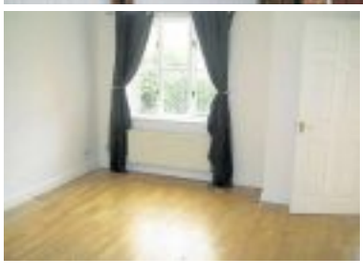

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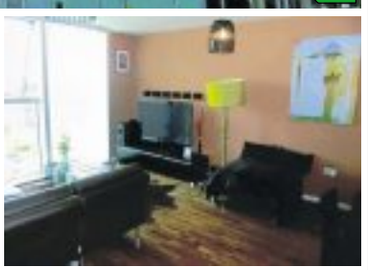

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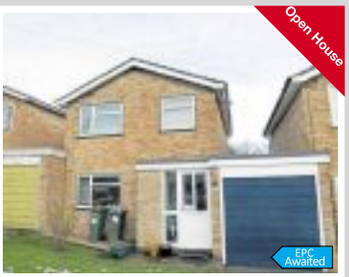
- Three Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Lounge, Conservatory

Wordsworth Drive £189,995

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
- Dining Room



Grange Road £175,000

- Open House Saturday 12pm - 1pm
- Call 01908 370 861 to Arrange a Viewing
- Three Bedroom Detached
- Driveway & Garage

Buckingham Road £170,000

- Three Bedroom Character Property
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Shower Room

Somerset Close £157,995

- End Terrace Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Large Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner

Baisley Gardens £125,000

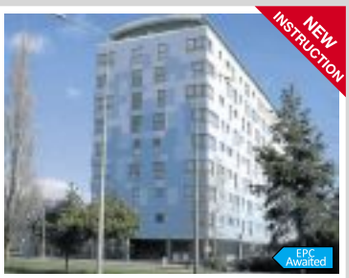
- Retirement Home
- Upper Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master

Turnstone House £119,995

- Upper Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Open Plan Kitchen/Living Area
- Family Bathroom
- Views over the City
- No Upper Chain

St. Marys Avenue £89,950

- First Floor Flat
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner
- Rear Garden



Stephenson House £32,000

- Second Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Close to Bletchley Town Centre
- Secure Entry System

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Newport Pagnell £480,000

- Brand New Plus Low Maintenance
- No Chain & Has Builder Guarantee
- High Specification
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Impressive Open Plan Family Room
- Utility & Cloakroom

East Milton Keynes £450,000

- Double Garage
- Study
- Two En-Suites
- Dressing Room to Master
- Utility Room
- Close Access To M1

East Milton Keynes £244,950

- Walton High School Catchment Area
- Semi Detached House
- Close to Caldecotte Lake
- Walking Distance to Ousle Park
- Kitchen/Diner onto Garden
- Four Bedrooms
- Master with En-Suite
- Generous Sized Separate Lounge

Tattenhoe £349,000

- Shenley Brook End School Catchment
- Two En-Suites
- Detached Garage
- Four Bedrooms

South Milton Keynes £250,000

- Contemporary Design
- No Chain
- Hassle Free Part Exchange Available
- Stylish

Newton Leys £235,000

- Countryside Development
- Vaulted Ceiling to Master
- Integrated Appliances
- Flooring & Turf Included
- First Buy/New Buy Available
- Close Access to A5

Milton Keynes £230,000

- Courtyard Development
- High Specification
- Granite Work Surfaces
- Separate Study

South Milton Keynes £149,995

- First Floor Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Secure Electric Gates
- Gas Central Heating

Milton Keynes £225,000

- Perfectly Planned Kitchens
- Bathrooms Designed with Chic Feel
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- Three Bedrooms

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WANTED!

Property in Pearmain Close for waiting buyers.

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North Crawley OIEO £385,000

- Extended Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Double Garage
- Garden to Rear
- Sought after Village Location

WANTED!

Mrs F urgently requires property on Tickford Street.

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Newport Pagnell OIEO £180,000

- Detached Victorian Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room & Kitchen
- Town Centre Location

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Newport Pagnell £220,000

- Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen

Great Linford £175,000

- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

Newport Pagnell £200,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Short Walk to Portfield School
- Ideal Family House

WANTED!

Property on the Poets Estate for qualified buyers!

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Cranfield £362,000

- Family Home
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Kitchen, Utility
- Conservatory
- Master with En-Suite
- Off Road Parking

WANTED!

Property in Kimbolton Court for waiting buyers!

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STONY STRATFORD 01908 563825

Old Stratford £230,000

- Semi Detached
- 1930s Style Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking

Yardley Gobion £220,000

- Five Bedroom Family Home
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Two Bathrooms
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Yardley Gobion £175,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking
- Must Be Viewed

Deanshanger OIEO £175,000

- Semi Detached
- Extended Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- No Upper Chain
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

Deanshanger £280,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Detached
- Village Location
- En-Suite to Master
- Conservatory
- Integral Garage

Deanshanger £90,000

- Two Bedroom Property
- 50% Shared Ownership
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

Haldene £70,000

- One Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Shingle Frontage
- Allocated Parking
- Popular 'Two Mile Ash' Area
- Investment Potential

Deanshanger £65,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Garage
- Village Location
- Master with En-Suite
- Lounge
- Kitchen

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Kingsmead £399,995

- Five Bedroom Detached Property
- Cloakroom & En-Suite
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- Lounge & Dining Room

Shenley Brook End £350,000

- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Situated on a Corner Plot
- Kitchen/Breakfast
- Part Garage Conversion

Emerson Valley £339,995

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Master with En-Suite

Oxley Park £332,500

- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Master with En-Suite

Tattenhoe £329,995

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Conservatory
- Utility Room

Oakhill £290,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Detached Property
- Excellent Sized Rear Garden
- Driveway & Garage

Westcroft £287,500

- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Master with En-Suite

Furzton £285,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Gardens

Westcroft £275,000

- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Master with En-Suite

Shenley Lodge £250,000

- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Master with En-Suite

Westcroft £250,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Master & Second with En-Suites
- Front & Rear Gardens

Shenley Brook End £230,000

- Detached Property
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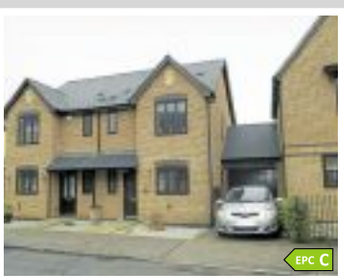
- Conservatory



Kingsmead £229,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached Property
- Conservatory
- Driveway & Garage

Westcroft £225,000

- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory

Westcroft £209,995

- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Master with En-Suite
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

Oxley Park £150,000

- Three Storey Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner/Lounge
- Garage

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Olney £370,000

- Five Bedroom Detached
- Cul-de-Sac Location
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- Sitting Room with Open fire
- En-Suite to Master
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Double Garage (Half Used as an Office)

Olney £290,000

- Character Cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- Sitting Room with Open Fire
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Conservatory

Olney OIEO £285,000

- Retirement Bungalow
- Pegasus Development
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Allocated Parking

Lavendon £280,000

- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Recently Renovated
- Sitting Room & Dining Room
- Garden & Garage
- Off Road Parking

Emberton £250,000

- Period Cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

Olney £220,000

- Victorian Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs Shower Room

Turvey £215,000

- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing
- Landscaped Rear Garden

High Street £210,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Converted Chapel
- Under Floor Heating
- En-Suite to Master

Lavendon £205,000

- Three Bedroom Property
- Re-fitted Open Plan Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking

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Sales and Lettings
Milton Keynes 01908 606951

Blakelands £220,000

Four bedroom detached property, situated in a quiet cul-de-sac in Blakelands comprises utility room, dining area, lounge conservatory, family bathroom, rear garden, off road parking and garage.

Property of the week

Oldbrook £170,000

Four double bedroom property with integral garage in Oldbrook briefly comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/diner, lounge, conservatory, bathroom, rear garden, off road parking and garage.

Crownhill £165,000

Two bedroom semi detached property with garage in Crownhill. The property briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, two double bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden, off road parking and garage.

Bletchley £215,000

Five bedroom semi detached property with a 28ft garage. The property comprises lounge, dining room, kitchen, shower room, WC and bathroom. Whilst further benefits include off road parking, garage and front and rear gardens.

Bletchley £125,000

Two bedroom mid terrace property in Bletchley comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, allocated off road parking and front and rear gardens.

Campbell Park OIEO £140,000

Top floor two bedroom apartment in the desirable area of Campbell Park comprising entrance hall, two double bedrooms, bathroom, lounge/diner and kitchen.

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Milton Keynes £110,000

Two bedroom ground floor apartment in Central Milton Keynes. The property includes communal entrance, entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen and bathroom.

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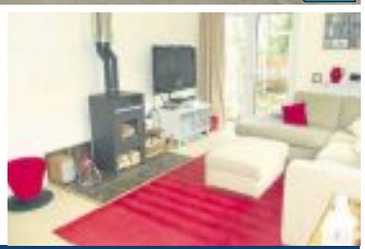
Milton Keynes Central 01908 606951

Property of the week



Tinkers Bridge £260,000

A one bedroom first floor apartment with a balcony situated in the popular area of Old Farm Park. Comprising, re-fitted shower room, lounge/diner and a kitchen. The property is being offered with a 30% share, with a £7,500 premium. An internal viewing is strongly recommended to avoid missing out on this one.

Simpson Guide Price £350,000

A re-fitted three bedroom detached bungalow in the popular area of Simpson comprising three double bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, conservatory, off road parking, garage and front and rear gardens.

Simpson £230,000

This three bedroom semi detached property comprises entrance hall, re-fitted kitchen, dining room, lounge, two reception rooms, bathroom, off road parking and landscaped rear garden.

Woolstone £205,000

A well presented three bedroom semi detached house, benifitting from gas central heating and double glazing.

Kents Hill OIEO £170,000

Two bedroom property in the popular area of Kents Hill, comprising entrance hall, lounge/diner, and bathroom. The property also benefits from garden, off road parking and garage.

Property of the week

Tinkers Bridge £200,000

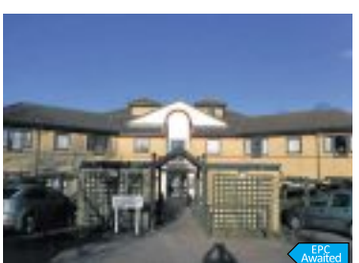
This three bedroom detached property includes a double garage. Also this property comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, study, kitchen, bathroom and off road parking.

Two Mile Ash £169,995

An end terraced property with conservatory in the popular area of Two Mile Ash. The property comprises lounge, kitchen, conservatory, bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms and bathroom.

Bradwell £90,000

This two bedroom end terraced house is available on the popular shared ownership scheme.The property comprises, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, two double bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden and off road parking.



Flintergill Court £55,000

An over 55's warden controlled one bedroom ground floor apartment in Home Ridings, Heelands. The property comprises, re-fitted shower room, one bedroom, lounge/diner, kitchen, communal garden and parking.

Old Farm Park £35,000

This one bedroom first floor apartment comprises kitchen, dining room, lounge, reception room, re-fitted shower room, balcony and off road parking. Viewing is highly recommended.

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Sales and Lettings
Newport Pagnell 01908 611388

Moulsoe £500,000

Well presented four bedroom bungalow sat on a generous plot and boasting flexible living accommodation. Comprising lounge, service lobby, cloakroom, utility room, bathroom, kitchen and wrap around garden.

Newport Pagnell £359,995

Four bedroom semi detached property set in a private cul-de-sac location, offering an easy commute to the M1. The property comprises two reception rooms, two bathrooms, kitchen/diner and garage.

Newport Pagnell £280,000

Five bedroom semi detached property which lies in the catchment area of Portfields primary school and Ousedale secondary. Includes en-suite to master, family bathroom, front and rear gardens.

Newport Pagnell £275,000

Detached four bedroom property set in the catchment area of Ousedale secondary school.The family house includes three reception rooms, bathroom, garden and garage.

Newport Pagnell £265,000

Four bedroom semi detached property comprising lounge, open plan kitchen/diner, en-suite and balcony to master, family bathroom and gardens to the front and rear. Internal viewing is highly recommended.

Newport Pagnell £248,000

Well presented four bedroom family home, situated in the popular Green Park estate of Newport Pagnell. The property benefits from short walks into town and local primary and secondary schools.

Newport Pagnell £235,000

Four bedroom end terrace property, situated on the outskirts of Newport Pagnell. Benefitting from school catchment, short walks into the town centre and offering flexible living accommodation.

Giffard Park £225,000

Three bedroom link detached property briefly comprising lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, family bathroom, driveway leading to garage, front and rear gardens and uPVC double glazing.

Blakelands £180,000

Three bedroom semi detached property briefly comprises lounge/diner, kitchen, integral garage, first floor landing, three double bedrooms, re-fitted family bathroom, driveway and rear garden.

Newport Pagnell £180,000

Two bedroom cottage with original character features throughout including quarry tiled flooring and Victorian fireplaces in the lounge and dining room. The property is walking distance from Newport Pagnell Town Centre.

Broughton £270,000

Four bedroom detached property with a single garage situated in the popular location of Broughton. The property comprises study, lounge, dining room, master with en-suite, family bathroom and gardens.

Newport Pagnell £230,000

Extended four bedroom semi detached house offering three reception rooms and large kitchen/diner, situated within the catchments of both primary and secondary schools.

Newport Pagnell £160,000

Two bedroom end terrace cottage with off road parking, located within a short walking distance of Newport Pagnell town centre. The property is offered with no chain and benefits from pleasant walks along the River Ouze.

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Sales and Lettings
Olney 01234 711 481

Olney £425,000

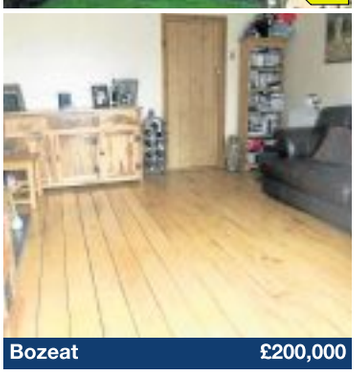
Five/six bedroom detached home in this sought after location which having been extended by the current owners, offers substantial accommodation. Briefly comprising cloakroom, study, sitting room, dining room, re-fitted kitchen/breakfast room, utility room and front and rear gardens. Please call 01234 711481 for further details or to book a viewing.

Olney £220,000

End terrace property boasting features such as sash cord windows and an open fireplace. Accommodation comprises kitchen/breakfast room, three piece shower room, two double bedrooms and a family bathroom. Please call 01234 711481 for further details or to book a viewing.

Podington £240,000

Period character home pleasantly situated on the High Street in the popular North Bedfordshire village of Podington. Includes three bedrooms and character features such as fireplaces and exposed stone walls.



Bozeat £200,000

Three storey stone cottage comprising sitting room with open fireplace and stripped floor, fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms and a re-fitted bathroom. Other benefits include double glazing and off road parking.

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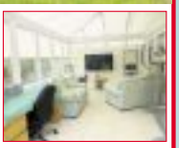
WOLVERTON £199,950

NEW

- 3 bedrooms
- Double bay fronted
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Re-fitted bathroom & shower room
- Re-fitted combination boiler
- Part UPVC double glazing
- Single garage to the rear
- No upper chain
- Energy Rating D

NEWPORT PAGNELL £299,995

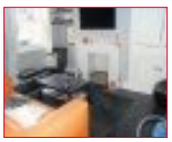
NEW

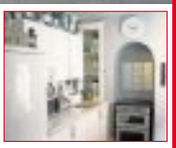


- 4 bedroom detached family home
- Separate reception rooms
- En-suite to master bedroom
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Double glazed windows
- Downstairs cloakroom & Utility room
- Garage & driveway
- Sought after location
- No upper chain

WOLVERTON £155,000

NEW





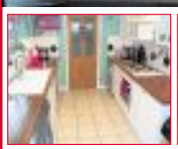
- 3 bedrooms
- Bay fronted mid terrace
- Separate reception rooms
- Re-fitted kitchen & bathroom
- Open fireplaces
- Front & rear gardens
- No upper chain
- Energy Rating E

WOLVERTON £170,000

REDUCED

- 3 bedrooms
- Victorian style mid terrace
- Re-fitted upstairs bathroom
- Re-fitted kitchen with appliances
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Utility/sun room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Gas to radiator heating
- Energy Rating E

WOLVERTON £170,000



- 3 double bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Open fireplaces
- Re-fitted kitchen and bathroom
- Stripped and varnished floorboards
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Gas to radaitor heating
- Front & rear gardens
- Energy Rating E

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- 1930's semi-detached
- Separate dining room
- Double glazed conservatory
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Gas to radiator heating
- Single garage
- Energy Rating E

OLD WOLVERTON £175,000

- 3 bedrooms
- Extended semi detached
- Sealed unit double glazed windows
- Extended kitchen/breakfast room
- Off road parking
- Enclosed rear garden with a summer house
- Cul-de-sac location
- Energy Rating E

NASH £250,000

- 3 bedrooms
- Extended semi detached
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Downstairs annexe/Guest room
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Single garage & off road parking
- Village location
- Energy Rating D

WOLVERTON £128,500

- 2 bedrooms
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- Brand new carpets
- UPVC double glazing
- Close to local amenities
- Off road parking
- 999 Year lease
- Energy Ratng C

WOLVERTON £80,000

- 2 double bedrooms
- Fourth floor flat
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Gas to radiator heating
- Lounge through diner
- Close to local amenities
- No upper chain
- Energy Rating C

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Visits to the School are warmly welcomed.

Application form and further details are available from the School Office:

Address: Kingsmoor Lower School, Kingsmoor Close, Flitwick, Bedfordshire MK45 1EY

Telephone No: 01525 712448

E-mail: Kingsmoor@cbc.beds.sch.uk

Closing Date: 19th April 2013 @ 4pm
Interview: Week beginning 29th April 2013.

If you would like to discuss this post, please contact the School Office.

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Further details of the post and an application form can be downloaded from our website:

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Completed applications are to be returned to:

The Human Resources Department
Bedford Modern School
Manton Lane
Bedford MK41 7NT

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Interview date: 22 and 23 April 2013.

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St John Rigby Catholic Primary School

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We require TWO FULL TIME CLASS TEACHERS for September 2013 to support our Year 6 transition (KS2 sats experience would be an advantage)
Full Time/MPS

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Closing date for applications will be 24th April 2013 – Interviews 29th/30th April 2013

Visits to the school are welcome
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Closing date for applications: Monday 25th March 2013
Interview: Thursday 28th March 2013
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School Appointments

Central Bedfordshire

Studham C of E Lower School

EYFS TEACHER
MPS/UPS **Quote ref: 40/0765**

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MPS/UPS **Quote ref: 40/0766**

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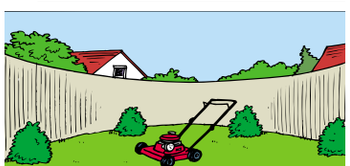

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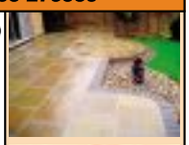
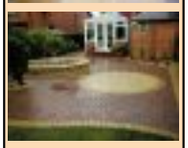
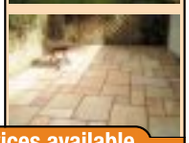

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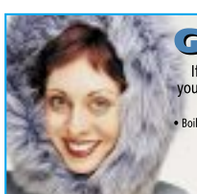

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At: Phoenix Gentleman's Club, Leisure Plaza, Central Milton Keynes MK9 1BL

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Opening hours of the premises
Monday to Thursday 10pm to 05.00am
Friday and Saturday 9pm to 05.00am

Remove condition prohibiting licensable activities after 3.30am and that the premises must close at 4am

A condition has been added that last entry to the premises will be 4.00am

Full details of the application can be seen further on in this document.

Any person or responsible authority wishing to make representations either against or in support of the application must do so in writing by the following date: 2-4-2013

To the following address: LICENSING TEAM, COMMUNITY WELLBEING DIRECTORATE, MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL, CIVIC OFFICES, 1 SAXON GATE EAST, MILTON KEYNESMK9 3EJ
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Email: licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Representations received in response to this application will ordinarily be made available for public inspection, including disclosure to the applicant and any relevant responsible authorities unless agreed otherwise. Representations must relate to one or more of the licensing objectives (namely crime and disorder, public nuisance, public safety, or protection of children from harm.)

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine of £5,000 is liable on summary conviction for the offence.

Dated this 5-3-2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Office of Fair Trading is currently investigating the completed acquisition by the Local World Holdings Limited of certain regional newspapers and websites of Northcliffe Media, the regional publishing arm of Daily Mail and General Trust PLC ("DMGT Group"), and Iliffe News & Media, the publishing subsidiary of Yattendon Group under the merger control provisions of the Enterprise Act 2002. This will enable the OFT to determine if the transaction warrants reference to the Competition Commission. The three major shareholders of Local World Holdings Limited are DMGT Group, the Yattendon Group and Trinity Mirror plc.

If you have any comments relating to the effects of the transaction on competition please send them to mergers@oft.gsi.gov.uk

All responses must be received by 29 March 2013.

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD AREAS FOR BOW BRICKHILL PARISH COUNCIL AND CAMPBELL PARK PARISH COUNCIL

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Milton Keynes Council has received applications for the designation of two neighbourhood areas and, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the council is carrying out a 6 week consultation on the proposed Neighbourhood Areas from **Monday 18 March to Monday 29 April 2013.**

The applications:

Bow Brickhill Parish Council – the Parish Council has submitted proposals to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the parish of Bow Brickhill following the parish boundary. The application is accompanied with a map showing the extent of the proposed Neighbourhood Area and a statement from the Parish Council explaining why and how they intend to prepare a neighbourhood development plan for the area.

Campbell Park Parish Council – the Parish Council has submitted proposals to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the parish of Campbell Park following the parish boundary. The application is accompanied with a map showing the extent of the proposed Neighbourhood Area and a statement from the Parish Council explaining why and how they intend to prepare a neighbourhood development plan for the area.

The applications can be seen on the Milton Keynes Council website at: http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-policy

How to comment:

All comments on the proposed Neighbourhood Areas must be received by the Development Plans team by **5pm on Monday 29 April 2013**. Comments can be made:

By email to: development.plans@milton-keynes.gov.uk

By post to: Development Plans, Milton Keynes Council Planning, Economy and Development, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ

By fax to: 01908 252330

Please note that this is not a consultation on the Neighbourhood Development Plans themselves, but merely the identification of the area for which the Parish or Town Council wish to prepare a neighbourhood development plan. Neighbourhood Development Plans are a way for Town and Parish Councils to help shape how their community develops over the coming years.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(RIVERSIDE MEADOW FOORBRIDGE, NEWPORT PAGNELL)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all access to and along the

Riverside Meadow Footbridge, Newport Pagnell to enable works to be carried out on the footbridge in order to demolish the footbridge and build a new footbridge. It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect from 1st April 2013 and continue until 15th July 2013 for 24 hours every day.

Whilst the above footbridge is closed a temporary footbridge will be made available, situated a short distance away.

The footbridge closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the order other than for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles.

Pedestrian access to premises and properties shall be maintained throughout the closures.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in the affected areas a few days in advance of the closure.

The proposed order will come into operation on 1st April 2013 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 6 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 20 March 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (WALTON ROAD (PART), WAVENDON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit vehicular access along that part of Walton Road, Wavendon from its junction with St Marys Close to its junction with the A5130 Newport Road, Wavendon.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway, namely, drainage works on Walton Road.

The alternative route for traffic will be via the A5130 Newport Road to Kingston Roundabout then the H9 Groveway, left onto Ortensia Drive, then right onto Isaacson Drive, left onto Passalewe Lane leading into Walton Road, Wavendon and vice versa.

It is anticipated that the temporary road closure will come into effect from Thursday 28th March 2013 until Monday 15th April 2013, inclusive. The road may reopen sooner if the works are completed ahead of schedule.

Advance information signs will be placed at either end of the affected road a few days before the works are due to take place.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 28th March 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of this Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 20 March 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (OLNEY ROAD (PART), LAVENDON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of Olney Road, Lavendon, Milton Keynes from Soames Close to the cul-de-sac of numbers 42 to 64 Olney Road, Lavendon, to enable repair works to be carried out on a bridge which has been damaged due to recent flooding. It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect for 12 weeks, however due to the urgent nature of the works, and in case of any unforeseen delays, the closure will remain in effect from 1 April 2013 until 1 October 2013. The road will re-open as soon as it is safe to do so.

Whilst the temporary closure is in effect the alternative route will be via Olney Road, Lavendon, then High Street, the A428, the B565 and Olney Road and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the order, other than for emergency services vehicles, and military vehicles whilst being driven on operational duties.

The temporary closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in the affected roads.

The proposed order will come into operation on 1 April 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 20 March 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

ALTERATIONS TO WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS IN PARTS OF NEWPORT PAGNELL, SHENLEY LODGE AND OLNEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 20 March 2013 made 3 Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Orders, the titles of which are listed below, come into effect on 25 March 2013, affect all classes of vehicles, and have the following effects:-

Westbury Lane, Newport Pagnell

- The introduction of a 'No Waiting at Any Time' prohibition;
- The introduction of a 'No Loading or Unloading at Any Time' prohibition;
- The introduction of a 'No Waiting from 8.00 am to 9.00 am and 2.45 pm to 3.45 pm, Monday to Friday' restriction;
- The introduction of a 'No Loading or Unloading from 8.00 am to 9.00 am and 2.45 pm to 3.45 pm, Monday to Friday' restriction.

Yardley Road, Olney

- The introduction of a 'No Waiting at Any Time' prohibition;
- The introduction of a 'No Loading or Unloading 24 hours of Every Day' prohibition.

Various Roads, Shenley Lodge

- The introduction of a 'No Waiting at Any Time' prohibition;
- The introduction of a 'No Loading from 8.30 am to 9.30 am and 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm, Monday to Friday' restriction.

Exemptions from the Orders include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the Orders together with maps showing the areas referred to, and Statements of Reasons for proposing the Orders may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell Library, St John Street, Newport Pagnell and Olney Library, High Street, Olney and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Orders or any provision contained in the Orders on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Orders were made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

Order Titles

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (WESTBURY LANE, NEWPORT PAGNELL) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2013

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (YARDLEY ROAD (PART), OLNEY) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2013

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, SHENLEY LODGE) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2013

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 20 March 2013
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
13/00314/FUL	Erection of agricultural building with new access on Olney road at Chaff Barn, 2 Manor Court, Olney Road
13/00332/LBC	Listed building consent for internal alterations to first floor layout to provide a staff room at Vaults Bar, 64 High Street, Stony Stratford
13/00388/FUL	Change of use of two areas of car park to farmers market on the fourth Friday of each month and to a farmers and artisan market on the second Sunday of each month at Car Park, Market Square, Stony Stratford
13/00472/TCA	Notification of intention to crown lift one Yew tree (T1) at Southside Farm House, Walton Road, Milton Keynes Village
SECTION 67 & 73	**AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
13/00227/FUL	Demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey side extension; New dormer window to front elevation and 2 roof extensions to rear elevation; New first floor side window to north elevation; Reposition existing vehicular access at 34 West Street, Olney
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
13/00466/LBC	Repair to listed bridge at The Lake House, 13 Wavendon House Drive, Wavendon

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RUGBY UNION

MILTON Keynes will go into Saturday's crucial trip to Grove in fine spirits after a huge 58-22 victory over Thatcham saw them go top of the Southern Counties North.

Previous leaders Reading Abbey slipped up by losing 25-22 at Wallingford which allowed Ray Bray's men to capitalise and climb to the summit.

The top two is all important in the race for promotion and third placed Grove are only a point behind Milton Keynes, with Abbey now locked on the same points total.

Dan Rolfe scored two tries and Rob Matthews, Phil Powell, Gavin Whitehead, Matt Styles, Darren Brodrick, Jaime Trivino and Richard Hill also registered to secure a bonus try victory.

In the same division, Olney beat Tadley 20-0 after Will Edwards' two tries and scores from James Brock and Stuart Livesy. Bletchley had a week off in the South West 1 East.

CYCLING

IAN Stannard put in a heroic performance to finish sixth at the Milan-San Remo race – the first Classics event of the season.

The city Olympian found himself in a strong position towards the end of the one day race on Sunday and made a late burst to try and claim glory, but with 200m to go he ran out of puff and was overhauled by eventual winner Gerald Ciolek and four other riders.

Stannard attacked out of an elite group that included Sylvain Chavanel and Eduard Vorganov and lead the race onto the famous Poggio. He was earlier putting in the leg-work to assist team-mate Geraint Thomas, who later withdrew after crashing.

HOCKEY

MK Mens' 1sts claimed a valuable 3-2 win over Sevenoaks on Sunday to ease their relegation fears in the South League Premier.

The city outfit, who also drew 3-3 with Oxford Hawks on Saturday, are now six points above bottom club West Hampstead with two games to play. There was also an important victory for the table topping 2nds who need just one point for promotion after their 7-1 win over Wycombe 3rds.

Elsewhere, the 3rds beat Tring 1sts 3-1, the 4ths lost by the same score to Oxford Hawks 4ths, MK Samurai beat Wycombe 6ths 4-0 and the 5ths lost 8-0 to High Wycombe.

MK Ladies 1sts secured a big 2-1 win over Southgate 2nds, which should secure their spot in the South League. A strike from Alice Vigor and Sophie Reynolds' penalty flick did the damage.

The 2nds beat Wychwood 2-0, the 3rds lost 2-1 to Newbury and Thatcham, and the 4ths lost 5-0 to St Albans 6ths.

•For more on these stories and more local sport, see www.mk-news.co.uk/sport.

FOOTBALL

Goal: Dons celebrate Patrick Bamford's strike

Pogba double downs Dons at Gresty Road

FROM BACK PAGE

Phillips. There could have been a second shortly afterwards but after Bamford's initial try was saved, both Dean Bowditch and Lowe were unsuccessful from rebounds.

Those misses proved to be crucial as Crewe swiftly equalised through Guinea-born Pogba.

Dons had been on top following their goal but that spell was short-lived when Pogba headed in following Gregor Robertson's flighted corner.

Robinson was without his skipper Dean Lewington, who picked up a knee injury in the victory against Tranmere on Saturday, so the leadership qualities had to come from elsewhere in the second half with a point no good at all for the visitors.

Chris Lines came close for Dons but his effort cannoned off the post and then agonisingly fell the wrong side of the upright.

The luck continued to elude the visitors as Shaun Williams then joined Lines in hitting the woodwork with a free-kick which bounced against the crossbar and back out.

This was heartbreakingly close but Pogba then delivered the decisive blow to the season at the other end, scoring at the second attempt after McLoughlin's initial save.

Antony Kay's red for a second yellow late in the game added further salt to the wounds and summed up a Dons season which has been packed full of red cards, disappointing defeats and missed opportunities.

Crewe: Phillips, Davis, Ellis, Robertson, Murphy (Turton 59), Mellor, Osman, Colclough, Pogba, Leitch-Smith, Ellington (Aneke 74). Unused subs: Martin, Tootle, Dugdale, West.

Dons: McLoughlin, Otsemobor, Chicksen (Smith 86), Kay, Williams, Gleeson, Potter, Lines, Bowditch (Baldock 64), Lowe (McLeod 69), Bamford. Unused subs: Doumbe,

Att: 3,770.

Heartache: Crewe grab a late winner to ensure another miserable night for Dons. For more reaction to the defeat see www.mk-news.co.uk/sport.

MK Dons assistant boss MICK HARFORD writes exclusively for MK News every week

ON Saturday we travel to Colchester United – a club I will always have fond memories of for a couple of different reasons.

I actually made my Football League debut at their old ground of Layer Road when I started my career at Lincoln City.

It was Boxing Day and I was really excited, but in the end the game ended up being a boring 0-0 draw.

Luckily, I managed to open my account in my next game against Chester.

In 2006, I became assistant manager at Colchester under my friend Geraint Williams, who I played with at Derby.

We were in the Championship and had a fantastic team who went on a superb run and ended up finishing 10th in the division.

The club has never reached the same heights since but it was difficult for them as they lost some of their best players such as Greg Halford, Jamie Cureton and Chris Iwelumo, and when that happens there are consequences.

It's always nice when you play against an old club as there are usually friendly faces to see, although Colchester have of course moved from Layer Road to their new stadium.

Their manager, Joe Dunne, is a good friend of mine as he was Youth Team coach when I was at the club and of course another interesting factor about the game is the possibility of Jabo Ibehre lining up for the U's after leaving us for Essex earlier in the season.

He has returned from suspension just in time to feature and we will have to come up with a game plan to stop him.

Football is a friendly sport but you are fired up when facing your former teammates.

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FIXTURES

SAT COLCHESTER (A)
MAR 29 HARTLEPOOL (A)
APR 1 BRENTFORD (H)
APR 6 CRAWLEY (H)
APR 9 SWINDON (H)

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Doncaster	38	8	5	6	24	20	12	4	3	30	17	17	69
2	Brentford	38	12	6	2	32	18	6	7	5	19	19	14	67
3	Swindon	38	8	7	4	36	13	10	5	4	27	16	34	66
4	Sheff United	37	7	8	3	27	17	10	6	3	23	16	17	65
5	Bournemouth	39	9	6	4	32	18	9	4	7	29	32	11	64
6	Tranmere	39	9	5	5	28	18	9	4	7	27	24	13	63
7	Yeovil	38	11	3	6	33	21	8	3	7	26	26	12	63
8	Coventry	39	6	6	8	27	25	11	3	5	35	22	15	60
9	Walsall	39	9	6	5	32	27	7	6	6	26	26	5	60
10	Leyton Orient	39	11	2	7	26	19	7	4	8	21	24	4	60
11	Notts County	39	8	5	7	26	21	6	10	3	26	18	13	57
12	MK Dons	38	10	4	5	31	20	4	8	7	21	22	10	54
13	Crewe	37	9	3	6	21	18	6	6	7	25	31	-3	54
14	Crawley	37	6	7	5	26	24	8	4	7	22	26	-2	53
15	Stevenage	39	6	5	9	25	30	8	2	9	19	23	-9	49
16	Preston	37	5	7	6	24	21	6	6	7	22	24	1	46
17	Carlisle	38	7	4	8	26	35	5	5	9	19	30	-20	45
18	Shrewsbury	39	6	7	6	22	22	4	7	9	22	29	-7	44
19	Colchester	39	7	3	9	23	27	5	4	11	18	33	-19	43
20	Oldham	37	6	3	10	20	22	5	3	10	18	28	-12	39
21	Scunthorpe	38	5	5	9	23	32	5	3	11	16	29	-22	38
22	Bury	38	4	5	10	17	27	3	7	9	19	31	-22	33
23	Hartlepool	39	4	6	9	16	24	3	5	12	17	37	-28	32
24	Portsmouth	39	4	4	11	21	27	3	6	11	19	35	-22	31

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FORMULA ONE

Seb 'disappointed' in third

Leading off: But Vettel was third in Australia

SEBASTIAN Vettel admitted to being disappointed after failing to convert pole position into a race victory on the opening weekend of the Formula One season in Australia.

The German started at the front of the grid ahead of team mate Mark Webber as part of a Red Bull Racing one-two but had to settle for third in Melbourne.

Homegrown hero Webber was sixth as Lotus' Kimi Raikkonen took the chequered flag after holding off the challenge of Ferrari's Fernando Alonso.

"I think you're always disappointed when you start first and don't finish first," reigning F1 champ Vettel said.

"We had a good day today with a pole and a podium – but in the race we were a little too aggressive with the tyres and lost the front and the rears, while others did a little better.

"There are always areas where you can improve, but the result we got today is fair. We didn't see Kimi on the track, he was too quick and Fernando jumped us at a vulnerable time."

The final stages of qualifying were delayed until the morning of the race because of torrential rain at the Albert Park circuit.

""Starting from the front row, third and sixth obviously wasn't the result we were targeting," Team Principal Christian Horner said. "But all things considered with the way that the race panned out, I think it was the optimum we could achieve,"

Tilbrook based Red Bull Racing, the defending constructors' champions, next head to Malaysia this weekend.

ICE HOCKEY

Spoils are shared after Bison bouts

LIGHTNING climbed into third place in the English Premier League with victory at Basingstoke Bison on Saturday night – but they slipped straight back to fourth the next day when the Hampshire club took their revenge.

Nick Poole's men picked up a fine 3-2 win in Basingstoke but they could not double up as Bison won 3-1 at Planet Ice.

On Saturday, Lightning's Chris Wiggins was ejected from the game against his former club after just five minutes due to a huge hit on Bison's Zach Sullivan.

In the second period the game exploded into life with four goals in four quickfire minutes.

Basingstoke coach Doug Sheppard gave his side the lead but Nick Chinn, another former Bison man, levelled the contest.

Greg Chambers put Basingstoke back in front again but a first senior goal for Connor Goode drew the teams together once more.

Victory: MK Lightning celebrate their victory in Basingstoke

Janne Jokila then sealed it for Lightning in the third period.

The win saw Poole's outfit leapfrog Manchester Phoenix into third but they slipped back down after the defeat the next day – Adam Brittle's goal the only joy for Lightning in the defeat.

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Vettel starts off with third-placed finish in Australia

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Robbo blasts team after 'appalling' last half hour

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LEAGUE ONE
CREWE ALEXANDRA 2
DONS 1

DONS boss Karl Robinson blasted his MK Dons team after their season slipped further into the mire at Crewe last night.

Mathias Pogba helped himself to a deadly double to ensure another miserable night for Dons, who also saw Antony Kay sent off for the third time this season.

"In the last half-an-hour we were appalling," Robinson said. "That's as bad as I've seen for a long time.

"It was nothing short of embarrassing, I apologise to the fans who made the trip and I have to hold my hands up and accept responsibility, that was a shambles."

Robinson said that he would be at the club next season but didn't say the same about some players.

"Some of them might not be playing for the football club next year," he said.

"I'll be here but some of them might not be as that wasn't acceptable."

The first 30 minutes at Crewe was a drab affair with both sides failing to find any urgency, tempo or rhythm.

Robinson's visitors needed to find some spark and they did just that with a slick move to find the opening goal just after the half-an-hour mark.

Ryan Lowe swung in a cross from the right and Chelsea loanee Patrick Bamford dispatched a header past home stopper Steve

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Early bath: Antony Kay was sent off for the third time this season as Dons' season slid further away

Nash hoping rain will stay away ahead of opener

CITY race-ace James Nash admits that he 'can't wait' for the World Touring Cars season to get under way this weekend, but the 27-year-old has his fingers crossed that the rain will stay away in Italy.

Nash will get behind the wheel of a Chrevolet Cruze for new team Bamboo Engineering during his second campaign on the global stage and he has high hopes ahead of the opener at the famous Monza circuit.

The weather forecast has predicted showers though which means that it could be a tricky start for the former British Independents' champion.

"It could be a factor," Nash told MK SPORT from Italy.

"Trying to qualify in the wet in a new car would not be ideal."

Nash has targeted big things since moving to Bamboo from Team Aon, who he represented during his World Touring Cars debut last season.

Reigning world champion Rob Huff drove a Cruze last term, as did second and third placed Alain Menu and Yvan Muller, a fact which highlights the car's strong title credentials, and Nash aims to make full use of the extra firepower at his disposal.

His debut season means he will be familiar with all the circuits visited during the season – with the exception of races in Russia and Portugal – so there is every chance of dramatically improving upon the 20th place overall he managed last year.

Former Formula One chief engineer Steve Farrell has joined his team to give things a further boost.

"The first aim is to win races, the second aim is to win the Independents' title and the third aim is to challenge for the world title overall," he said.

"We need to take it round by round, but I'm confident that in the next six months we have a good opportunity to do what we need to do.

"I've learnt most of the tracks already in a more difficult car and now I really can't wait to get started."

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